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SUBJECT: MEA AMERICAS DIVISION ASSURES DASD CLAD MIL-MIL
RELATIONSHIP A TOP PRIORITY

Classified By: PolCouns Ted Osius for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

[11](#). (S) Summary. In a private meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense James Clad, Ministry of External Affairs SIPDIS (MEA) Joint Secretary Gaitri Kumar:

-- assured DASD Clad that the military-to-military relationship was a top priority of her ministry;
-- warned that the "reopening" of the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) on the Boeing VVIP aircraft sale to India, for the purpose of retr
-- said that Prime Minister Singh had instructed the Indian bureaucracy to explore Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) cooperation with the U.S., a
-- requested the U.S. keep the issue of a possible dedicated phone link with India a secret;
-- encouraged the U.S. Navy to participate with India in the June Maritime Security Core Group exercises;
-- criticized the Visas MANTIS requirement for India and that several Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) programs remain on t
-- said that she is working at high levels to try to get India's offset program to permit indirect offset investments outside of the defense se
-- praised Secretary Gates' February visit for strengthening the directives set forth in the 2005 Defense Framework Agreement.

End Summary.

----- Priority with a capital P -----

[12](#). (C) Just prior to entering the scheduled meeting with DASD Clad and the delegation he was leading, JS Kumar asked DASD Clad for a private m

----- Boeing VVIP EUM problematic for India -----

[13](#). (C) Turning to her talking points, Kumar raised Indian concerns over what it perceived was the "reopening" of the LOA for the Boeing VVII

----- Desiring BMD cooperation, but when? -----

[14](#). (C) Turning to BMD, DASD Clad noted that, following up on NEW DELHI 00001218 002 OF 003 a request National Security Advisor Narayanan had requested to SecDef Gates in February, he was accompanied by a

- 1) an invitation to the international BMD conference in Hawaii in September, to include India's participation in both classified and unclassifi
- 2) joint analysis to help India assess SIPDIS its threat environment, BMD requirements, and options for a BMD system; and
- 3) reciprocal flight observations of two future missile tests.

Later, in the full group session, Kumar mentioned the BMD MOU the U.S. had previously offered to negotiate and said India would not be in a pos

----- Please keep phone link offer a secret -----

[15](#). (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX

----- Hope to see U.S. Navy at Maritime Security talks -----

[16](#). (C) The Indian Navy was eagerly seeking U.S. participation in the Maritime Security discussions in June, Kumar told Clad, noting that the I

----- Entity list, Visas MANTIS "disadvantaging" U.S. in Indian market -----

[17](#). (C) Kumar raised a couple broader issues which adversely affect the security relationship in the Indian opinion. First, the fact that DRDO

----- Hope for indirect offsets, credit banking -----

[18](#). (C) Kumar spoke extensively on her views on India's offset program, saying she has been working at high levels to try to get an indirect of

----- Praise for SecDef Gates visit -----

¶9. (C) Speaking more broadly on the security relationship, Kumar said the Indian government felt Secretary Gates visit was ""excellent"" and t

¶10. (U) DASD Clad has cleared this message.

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